

Remarks

In the Office Action, dated April 10, 2007, claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In the specification, it is stated that polysiloxane (PS) may be added to the coating liquid for forming a coating film, and a mixing ratio (PS / (TAOS + AS)) by weight of polysiloxane (PS) is shown in terms of SiO₂. Please refer to paragraphs 0043-0045 and 0063-0064. Therefore, for better understanding, the explanation in the specification is all expressed in terms of SiO₂. However, as to claims 8 and 9, as the Examiner suggested, TAAOH does not contain Si atom. Since removing "in terms of SiO₂" does not affect the molar ratio in claims 8 and 9, claims 8 and 9 have been amended accordingly.

Also, in the Office Action, claims 1-5 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Weisbeck et al. (US 2004/0229747). Claims 6-10 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weisbeck in view of Taguchi et al. (JP 406,173,054 A), Raman et al. (US 5,770,275) and Burger et al. (US 2003/0041779).

In response to the 102(e) and 103(a) rejections based on Weisbeck et al., Weisbeck et al. can not be a prior art for the purposes of 102(e) and 103(a) rejections because Weisbeck et al. was filed on May 11, 2004, which is later than a PCT filing date of the present application, October 27, 2003. Therefore, please withdraw the rejections.

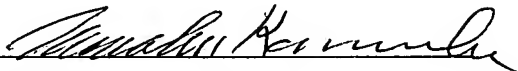
In any event, claims 1-2 have been amended to further clarify the feature of the invention.

Furthermore, claims 11-28 have been canceled and claims 29 to 36 corresponding to claims 3-10 have been newly added to the application.

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Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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